



I am president of the Lake Oswego Preservation Society board of directors and am writing on behalf of our organization to urge a vote against HB 3414 in its current form for the following reasons:

1. Historic resources are unique assets for local communities and their long-term preservation requires adherence to long standing protection rules.
2. Archaeological resources require delicate attention, such as regulations governing avoidance of Native American sites.
3. Design standards for Main Street and downtown areas are necessary to ensure these special places remain walkable and economically thriving commercial cores of Oregon's communities.
4. Preservationists throughout the state have worked collaboratively with local governments on sensible regulations and procedures that allow new residential development in historic areas.
5. By-right adjustments will break the community trust of local government officials and staff undermining decades of collaboration.
6. By-right adjustments undermine a clear and implementable land use system that already includes local variance and adjustment standards allowing for a relief valve when circumstances dictate

While we understand the state needs to substantially increase housing production and remove barriers to housing development, we are extremely concerned that the bill in its current form will negatively impact our community's development codes and preservation designations. These designations were created to protect and preserve what is significant to our community's built heritage and historic resources.

We urge additional time to allow stakeholders to provide amendments to this bill to address the issues we've identified.

Sincerely,

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*We see a future in our past.*